

SLC 2025 Souper Bowl of Caring

To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry

THE CHALLENGE IS ON!!

JANUARY 5— FEBRUARY 9

BRING IN THOSE SOUP CANS. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE COMPETING TO SEE WHICH CLASS BRINGS IN THE MOST SOUP! THE WINNING CLASS WILL WIN A PRIZE!

IF YOU WISH TO HELP A CERTAIN CLASS TO WIN.....MARK YOUR DONATIONS WITH THE GRADE LEVEL OF THE CLASS.

PLEASE SEE OR CALL DAVE SCALESE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

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SECOND SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!
Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE *Moderato* Grieco

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #308 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* verses 1, 2 & 3

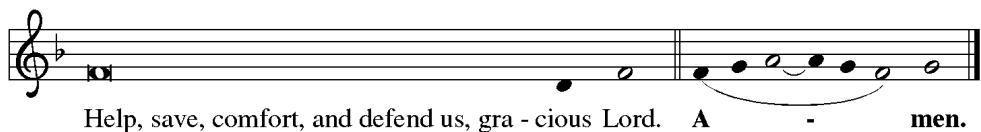
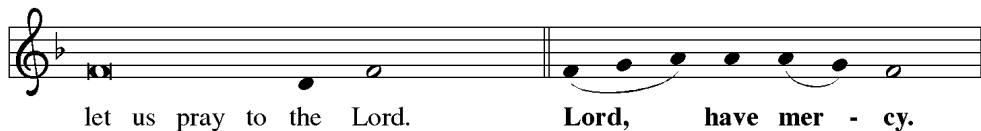
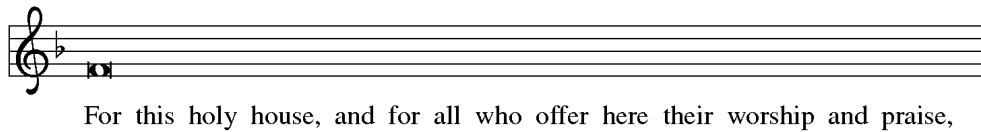
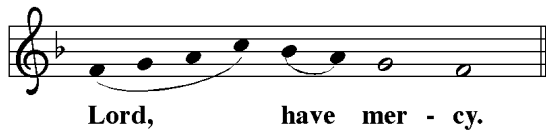
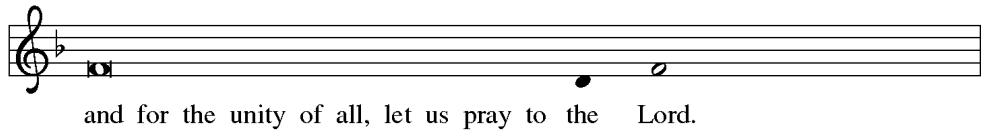
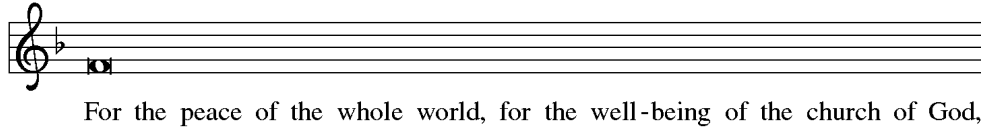
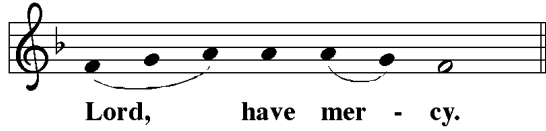
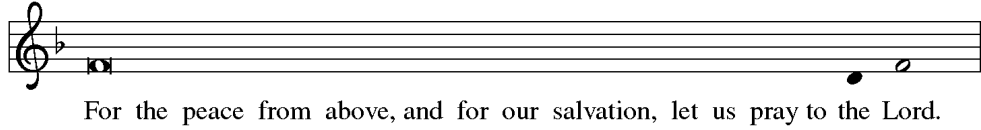


GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



Event Registration Open

ACTIVES • BUILD COMPASSION • UNDERSTAND BETTER • SEE DIFFERENTLY

RAISE AWARENESS • CHANGE PERSPECTIVES

BOX CITY

Youth Event

March 22 - 23, 2025

A SEPA multi-congregation Event Hosted at

New Hanover Lutheran Church • Gilbertsville, PA

For Youth Grades 6-12 • Friends Welcome!

Starts Saturday 4PM • \$30 per attendee

Camp • Learn • Raise \$ • Play Games • Worship



Details on Website bit.ly/boxcity25

Deadline to register: March 1

Some of **Schwarzwald's carillon and handbell music** will be aired every Wednesday in January at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Comcast Channel 15, Service Electric Channel 19, BCTV.org. The day after airing, it will be on You Tube at: BCTV.org international folkshowsites:youtube.com - playlist

January 23 — 6:00 p.m. - Youth Chorus Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS on February 2, 9, 16 and 23. **WE ARE IN NEED OF BULLETIN SPONSORS** on January 26, and February 2, 9, 16 and 23. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m. at Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

Foods Needed for the Little Free Pantry

Colder weather has arrived, and we are able to place a greater variety of foods in the Little Free Pantry. Acceptable food items include:

soup ready-made meals apple sauce canned meats
canned fruit peanut butter jelly canned vegetables
beans rice oatmeal boxes of cereal pasta juice boxes

You will find a collection box for your items in the Narthex. As always, thank you for supporting this ministry.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE The Rev. Susan Fox

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36:5-10 *read responsively*

⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

**¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

A The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Susan Johns Assisting Minister
Denton Quick Usher Team Captain
John Gibson Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr Carillonneurs
Rochelle Chelius Zoom Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Rev. Susan Fox as our supply pastor this morning.

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. You are also encouraged to sign our guest register with your preferred contact information. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Marcia Holbrook in memory of Walt Holbrook, and 2) by The Rutherford Family with glory and thanks to God.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Greg and JoAnn Lott.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. **Children’s toys, games, puzzles and books** are available in the Narthex.

Your **2024 contribution statements** are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

The **2024 Annual Report** is available to review prior to next Sunday’s Annual Congregational Meeting. Copies are available in the Narthex.

Last Sunday’s Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income \$4,038.00
Actual income \$3,045.00

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, January 26, 2025

Following the worship service, lunch (spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and butter, beverages and ice cream) will be served in Fellowship Hall. The congregational meeting will begin immediately after lunch.

**Please join us for a delicious
spaghetti dinner immediately
following worship on Sunday,
January 26.**



THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen**

BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God
+ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #310 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sonata in A* Gasparini

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Please be advised that all of our worship services are broadcast live via zoom to anyone who possesses the meeting passcode as well as recorded for subsequent distribution via email to members of the congregation and posted on the church's Facebook page.

Church-time Nursery is available downstairs in the “Parent and Me” room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

have no wine.”⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Rev. Susan Fox

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

#631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery, especially:

Joan Garipoli	Barbara Hafer	Bob Pendi
Rita Seidel	Janice Smithson	Alice Specht
Fay Weaver	Tom Bowersox	Brett Montag
Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach	Deborah Saint
Mark Tideman	Suzanne Trigg	Jim and Lauri Walker

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name. *(Silent prayers)* Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

Please be seated.

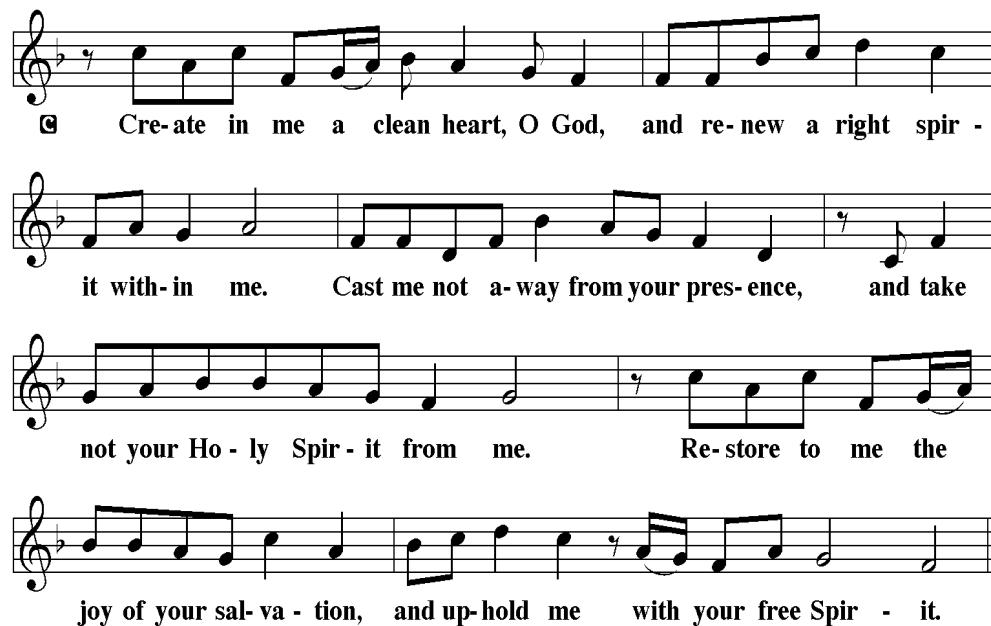
OFFERING

ANTHEM

Let Us Serve Him Price / Besig
Sr. Choir

Please stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.